

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: I depend on good DSL service for my home busiess and my bell co. just does not meet the test. I want my small ISP to be able to compete in the market. Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.